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REPLY TO SECOND RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Second Restriction Requirement dated June 6, 2003, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-8, 10-15, 38 and 39) drawn to a fusion protein comprising a soluble trimeric form and a portion of HIV gp41, are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Responsive to the requirement for an election of species for searching purposes, Applicants hereby elect GCN4-pI_QI as the coiled-coil species and SEQ ID NO: 42 as the gp41 portion species. Claims 1-8, 10-15, 38 and 39 are readable on the elected coiled-coil species and Claims 1-8, 10-15 and 38 are readable on the elected gp41 portion species.

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An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.
A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

Respectfully submitted,

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